



## Technical Assistance Exchange Newsletter

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A Weekly Update for Aging & Disability Resource Centers, Community Living Programs, Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Programs, and their Partners

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### Check Out the ADRC Cost Calculator

As your ADRCs are developing plans for statewide expansion, be sure to check out the [ADRC Cost Offsets Calculator](#) and the [ADRC Cost Calculator Manual](#) on the [ADRC-TAE Website](#). The state-specific calculators were updated in 2010 to illustrate the potential number of individuals served and the impact on Medicaid spending for states with ADRCs operating as single entry

### New Funding Opportunities

**Administration on Aging Funding for States from the Older Americans Act Title IV and the Public Health Services Act**  
The U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA) will award up to \$14 million in competitive grants to State Units on Aging through a new, two-part Program Announcement. AoA will award fully funded three-year cooperative agreements to successful applicants that agree to implement and sustain a statewide, integrated service system on two levels: (1) Between the state and local communities to implement and sustain a statewide system; and (2) Across health and human service systems to streamline and facilitate enrollment in a comprehensive array of high quality services and supports. Visit the [AoA Funding Opportunities Website](#) for more information. The application deadline is **July 27, 2011**.

#### **CDC Community Transformation Grants**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is providing over \$100 million in funding for up to 75 Community Transformation Grants through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. By promoting healthy lifestyles and communities, especially among populations experiencing the greatest burden of chronic disease, these grants will help improve health, reduce health disparities, and lower health care costs. Community-based organizations or local networks of community-based partners and stakeholders are eligible for the grants. Visit the [Community Transformation Grants Website](#) for more information.


### National Prevention Strategy: America's Plan for Better Health and Wellness

On June 16, 2011 the National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health Council, released the [National Prevention Strategy](#), a comprehensive plan to help increase the number of Americans

points to their long-term care system. State representatives can use this tool to estimate the potential impact of ADRCs in their state. (Note: the tool focuses on savings, not the cost to run and expand ADRCs.)

***\*\*We've had a lot of interest in the cost calculator and are considering planning a webinar in July to demonstrate the tool. If you would be interested in participating, please contact your state lead or write to [adrc-tae@lewin.com](mailto:adrc-tae@lewin.com).\*\****

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who are healthy at every stage of life. The National Prevention Strategy recognizes that good health comes not just from receiving quality medical care, but also from clean air and water, safe outdoor spaces for physical activity, safe worksites, healthy foods, violence-free environments, and healthy homes. Prevention should be woven into all aspects of life, including where and how we live, learn, work, and play. For more information, read the [National Prevention Strategy News Release](#) or view the [Webcast of the National Prevention Strategy Release Event](#).

## HUD, VA to Provide Permanent Housing, Case Management to 676 Homeless Veterans Across the U.S.

U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Eric K. Shinseki announced that HUD will provide \$5.4 million to public housing authorities in 18 states to supply permanent housing and case management for 676 homeless Veterans in America. This is the fourth and final round of the [FY 2010 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program \(HUD-VASH\)](#) funding to support homeless Veterans. Visit HUD's website for a [Local Breakdown of the Rental Vouchers](#).

## Call for Nominations: Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care and Services

The Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services, established last May, is chartered to meet quarterly to discuss programs that impact people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their caregivers. The Department is seeking nominations for 12 non-federal council members who are: (1) Alzheimer's patient advocates; (2) Alzheimer's caregivers; (3) health care providers; (4) representatives of State health departments; (5) researchers with Alzheimer's-related expertise in basic, translational, clinical, or drug development science; and/or (6) voluntary health association representatives.

Nominations should include: (1) nominee's mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number; and (2) a current vitae or resume.

Nominations may be submitted by e-mail to [helen.lamont@hhs.gov](mailto:helen.lamont@hhs.gov) or USPS mail to: Helen Lamont, Ph.D. | Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services Room 424E Humphrey Building | 200 Independence Avenue, SW | Washington, DC 20201.

**Nominations deadline: Close of Business on June 30, 2011.**

For more information, consult the complete [Federal Register](#)

[Notification](#) or contact Helen Lamont at (202) 690-7996.

## **Survey of Family Caregivers on Technology and Changes to the Home**

The Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA) is sponsoring a brief survey on how to help more family caregivers receive assistive technology and home modification services. There is great interest in family caregiver experiences, thoughts, and attitudes as they relate to technologies and changes to the home that might help the caregiver or the respective family member. Organizations should send the [Survey of Family Caregivers on Technology and Changes to the Home](#) to family caregivers that they are associated with. Responses will help FCA and provider organizations know what family caregivers want and need the most. Contact [adrc-tae@lewin.com](mailto:adrc-tae@lewin.com) if you have any questions.

## **New Tools to Provide Better Care for Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced two new initiatives through the [Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office](#) to work with states to save money and better coordinate care for the 9 million Americans enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid. The initiatives will include:

- A call for input and ideas through a published [Notice for Comment in the Federal Register](#), about how to align the two programs in care coordination, fee-for-service benefits, prescription drugs, cost sharing, enrollment, and appeals. The deadline for public comment is **July 11, 2011**.
- A new process providing faster access to state level Medicare data. Information about accessing the data is available through the [Center for Medicaid, CHIP and Survey & Certification \(CMCS\) Informational Bulletin](#). This will be an essential tool for states seeking to coordinate care, improve quality, and control costs for their highest cost beneficiaries.

## **Highlighting Grantee Resources and Materials: South Dakota**

*For the next few weeks, the ADRC newsletter will highlight interesting and useful resources that states submitted with their Spring 2011 grant reports. The following resources were included with South Dakota's Spring 2011 report.*



**South Dakota Training Materials**

South Dakota prepared descriptions of [South Dakota](#)

[ADRC's Training Courses](#) and an [Outline of South Dakota ADRC's Objectives for Effective Communication Training](#).



#### **South Dakota Online Resource Directory**

South Dakota's ADRC prepared [Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria for the South Dakota ADRC On-line Resource Directory](#) and a formal [Request for Inclusion Form for South Dakota's On-line Resource Directory](#) that they use during the approval/disapproval process for entities requesting inclusion.



#### **South Dakota Spitfire Strategies Smart Chart 3.0 Planning Tool**

South Dakota's ADRC uses the [Spitfire Strategies Smart Chart 3.0 Planning Tool](#) to plan, develop, and implement high-impact marketing, outreach and communication strategies.

### **New Resource**



#### **Partnership for Patients Webinar Slides**

Slides from first webinar in the Partnership for Patients webinar series that took place on June 20, 2011.

The presentation, entitled [Introduction to the Patient Safety Initiative & Standout Stories](#), provided an overview of the Partnership for Patients initiative and set the context for the series of webinars to follow.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **1) Webinar: Medicaid Budget Crisis - What It Means for Long-Term Care**

Join the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care and the National Research and Training Center for Personal Assistance Services for a webinar on the Medicaid budget crisis and what it means for long-term care. The webinar will cover the potential impact of the federal deficit reduction proposals on Medicaid funding for long-term care services and consumer protections.

- **Thursday, June 23, 2011 from 1:00-2:15 p.m. EST**
- No pre-registration required, just [Join the Webinar](#)
- Call in number: 1-800-625-5918; Passcode: 7023043
- For more information, visit the [Center on Personal Assistance Services Webinar Website](#)

#### **2) Second Innovative Communities Summit sponsored by the Long-Term Quality Alliance (LTQA)**

LTQA is pleased to invite you to the second Innovative Communities Initiative meeting. The primary objective is to improve the care and outcomes of people receiving long-term services and supports and their family caregivers and reduce costs by decreasing the fragmentation that exists within and across the long-term and health care sectors.

- Monday, June 27, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST
- Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center
- Read the [2nd Innovative Communities Summit Conference Registration Brochure](#) for more information

### 3) Partnership for Patients Webinar Series: Care Transitions

The Partnership for Patients and the National Quality Forum are sponsoring a series of free patient safety webinars that are open to all stakeholders, including hospitals, employers, clinicians, community-based organizations and advocates, who want to make strides in improving patient safety. The next event will discuss the goal of decreasing preventable complications during transitions between care setting and reducing hospital readmissions by 20%.

- Next Session: July 6, 2011 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. EST
- Other upcoming topics include: adverse drug events, falls prevention and other safety issues faced by individuals in hospitals and community settings.
- [Learn More about the Webinar Series and Register for an Upcoming Webinar](#)
- Webinars will be archived on the [National Quality Forum Website](#)

## TAE Website Tip of the Week:

There has been a lot of new activity in the [TAE Online Discussion Forum](#) on the [ADRC-TAE Website](#). You can access the TAE Online Discussion Forum in the side navigation window on the homepage (below the Twitter and "ADRCs in the News" buttons). Check it out and join the discussion!

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